

Abstract—The purpose of this study was to determine whether there were differences in the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders among different types of workers in the garment industry. The study included 600 female workers from two garment factories in Mexico City. Data were collected by means of self-administered questionnaires. Results showed that the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders was higher among those who worked in the sewing department than among those who worked in the cutting department. This finding suggests that the physical demands of the sewing job are more likely to lead to musculoskeletal problems than those of the cutting job.

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